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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-48b

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Georgia Firm Recalls Canned Meat Products That May Contain Clostridium botulinum

WASHINGTON, - Castleberry's Food Company, an Augusta, Ga., establishment owned by Bumble Bee Foods, LLC, is voluntarily recalling approximately 721,389 pounds of canned meat products that may contain Clostridium botulinum as a result of an equipment malfunction, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced.

The following products are subject to recall:

- 10-ounce cans of "Castleberry's BUNKER HILL, ORIGINAL Chili NO BEANS." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 195" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The bottom of each can is stamped with a "best by" date of "5/22/2009."
- 15-ounce cans of "Castleberry's CHILI WITH BEANS." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 195" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The bottom of each can is stamped with a "best by" date of "5/17/2009."
- 10-ounce cans of "Castleberry's HICKORY SMOKED, OVEN ROASTED, WITH SKINS, BARBECUE PORK IN BARBECUE SAUCE." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 195" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The bottom of each can is stamped with a "best by" date of "5/17/2009."
- 15-ounce cans of "Cattle Drive CHILI WITH BEANS." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 195" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The bottom of each can is stamped with a "best by" date of "4/30/2009," "5/10/2009" or "5/21/2009."
- 15-ounce cans of "Meijer CORNED BEEF HASH." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 195" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The bottom of each can is stamped a "best by" date of "5/3/2009."
- 15-ounce cans of "MORTON HOUSE Corned Beef Hash." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 195" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The bottom of each can is stamped with a "best by" date of "5/3/2009."

- 15-ounce cans of "SOUTHERN HOME CORNED BEEF HASH." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 195" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The bottom of each can is stamped with a "best by" date of "5/3/2009."

The canned meat products were produced between April 30 and May 22, 2007 and were distributed to retail establishments in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The problem regarding the equipment malfunction was discovered during an investigation into illnesses in Indiana and Texas. The investigation led to a recall by the Food and Drug Administration of three types of meatless hotdog chili sauce. There have been no reports of illness from consumption of the products listed in this news release.

Botulism is a rare but serious paralytic illness caused by a nerve toxin. Symptoms of botulism include double vision, blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, dry mouth, and muscle weakness. The illness can cause paralysis, respiratory failure and death. Symptoms usually occur from 18 to 36 hours after eating contaminated food. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a physician.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact company Consumer Hotline at (888) 203-8446. Media with questions about the recall should contact the company public affairs representative Della Sweetman at (619) 200-0436 or Doug McGraw at (212) 453-2202.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.